

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A graphical user interface (GUI) adapted to browse pictures stored in a picture database, said GUI comprising:

a main level display providing links to other display level, said main level display comprising:

a hierarchical picture grouping iconic region indicating directories, folders and files containing pictures from said database;

at least one main display area adapted to at least display pictures, thumbnails and graphical browsers;

a content category selection area adapted to allow selection of a content category;

a picture content iconic region, comprising a plurality icons, each representing a display level with pictures ~~in~~ from said picture database having the selected content category and grouped according to ~~content categories and~~ picture metadata;

~~a graphical browser region, comprising indicia of graphical browsers utilized by said GUI; and~~

said GUI further enabling access to the display levels linked to said main display level via one or more of the icons in said main display level.

2. (Original) The GUI in Claim 1, wherein said main display area is further adapted to display word search indicia, and said main display level further comprises a word search area comprising indicia of word search methodologies utilized by said GUI.

3. (Original) The GUI in Claim 1, wherein said content categories at least include picture capture date according to picture metadata.

4. (Original) The GUI in Claim 1, wherein said content categories at least include picture capture location according to picture metadata.

5. (Original) The GUI in Claim 1, wherein said content categories at least include predefined events to which pictures pertain, according to picture metadata.

6. (Original) The GUI in Claim 1, wherein said content categories at least include persons depicted in pictures according to picture metadata.

7. (Original) The GUI in Claim 1, wherein said graphical browsers at least comprise geographic maps constructed with the aid of picture metadata.

8. (Original) The GUI in Claim 1, wherein said graphical browsers at least comprise timeline metaphors constructed with the aid of picture metadata.

9. (Original) The GUI in Claim 1, wherein said graphical browsers at least comprise scatter plots constructed with the aid of picture metadata.

10. (Original) The GUI in Claim 1, wherein said graphical browsers at least comprise people-based graphical representations constructed with the aid of picture metadata.

11. (Original) The GUI in Claim 2, wherein said content categories at least include picture capture date according to picture metadata.

12. (Original) The GUI in Claim 2, wherein said content categories at least include picture capture location according to picture metadata.

13. (Original) The GUI in Claim 2, wherein said content categories at least include predefined events to which pictures pertain, according to picture metadata.

14. (Original) The GUI in Claim 2, wherein said content categories at least include persons depicted in pictures according to picture metadata.

15. (Original) The GUI in Claim 2, wherein said graphical browsers at least comprise geographic maps constructed with the aid of picture metadata.

16. (Original) The GUI in Claim 2, wherein said graphical browsers at least comprise timeline metaphors constructed with the aid of picture metadata.

17. (Original) The GUI in Claim 2, wherein said graphical browsers at least comprise scatter plots constructed with the aid of picture metadata.

18. (Original) The GUI in Claim 2, wherein said graphical browsers at least comprise people-based graphical representations constructed with the aid of picture metadata.

19. (Original) The GUI in Claim 2, wherein said word search methodologies comprise Boolean searches.

20. (New) The GUI in Claim 1, further comprising indicia of graphical browsers utilized by said GUI.

21. (New) A method for providing graphical user interface (GUI) adapted to browse pictures stored in a picture database, said GUI comprising:
generating a main level display providing links to other display level, said main level display comprising:
a hierarchical picture grouping iconic region indicating directories, folders and files containing pictures from said database;
at least one main display area adapted to at least display pictures, thumbnails and graphical browsers;

a content category selection area adapted to allow selection of a content category;

receiving a content category selection and

generating a picture content iconic region, comprising a plurality icons, each representing a display level with pictures from said picture database having content associated with the selected content category and grouped according to picture metadata, wherein each of the icons is activatable to enable access to the display levels linked to said main display level.

22. (New) The GUI in Claim 1, wherein said content categories at least include persons depicted in pictures.

23. (New) A method for presenting pictures from a picture database in an organized graphical user interface, the method comprising:

generating a main display level on a display, with the main display level having a content category selection area, a picture content iconic region and a hierarchical picture grouping iconic region;

with said content category selection area being adapted to receive a selection of a content category, said hierarchical picture grouping iconic region indicating directories, folders and files containing pictures from said database, with said picture content iconic region providing a plurality of icons each icon activatable to cause a display level that is linked to the main display level to be displayed, said linked display level having a group of pictures therein said pictures comprising a portion of pictures from the database having content associated with the selected category and having related metadata,

wherein each of the pictures in the database having content associated with the selected content category is within a display level that is linked to the main display level by one of the icons.